

REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

In the Action, the Examiner asserts that the present application contains claims directed to two distinct groups of the claimed invention, Group I (claims 1-6) and Group II (claims 7-13). As required under 35 USC § 121, Applicants elect Group I.

Applicants respectfully submit that they expect the Examiner to use a consistent test with respect to what matters are obvious and what matters are unobvious throughout the prosecution of this application. Since the Examiner is adopting a particular standard for patentability in this case in terms of the election/restriction requirement, Applicants will expect that the same test be used throughout the prosecution of this application or any derivative applications.

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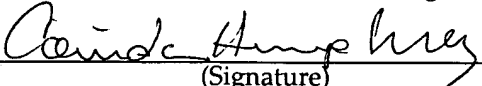
In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

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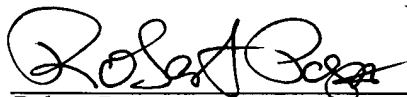
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